

House File 386 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 6)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act making changes to certain limitations within the
2 national guard educational assistance program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 261.86, subsection 3, Code 2015, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. a. An eligible member of the national guard, attending
4 an institution as provided in subsection 1, paragraph "d", ~~as~~
5 ~~a full-time student,~~ shall not receive educational assistance
6 under this section for more than ~~eight semesters, or if~~
7 ~~attending as a part-time student for not more than sixteen~~
8 ~~semesters,~~ one hundred twenty credit hours of undergraduate
9 study, ~~or the trimester or quarter equivalent.~~ A national
10 guard member who has met the educational requirements for a
11 baccalaureate degree is ineligible for educational assistance
12 under this section.

13 b. A member of the national guard who received educational
14 assistance under this section prior to July 1, 2015, shall
15 be deemed to have received educational assistance for the
16 following number of credit hours for educational assistance
17 received before that date:

18 (1) For each semester that the member received educational
19 assistance while attending an institution as a full-time
20 student, twelve credit hours.

21 (2) For each semester that the member received educational
22 assistance while attending an institution as a part-time
23 student, six credit hours.

24 (3) For each trimester or quarter that the member received
25 educational assistance while attending an institution as a
26 full-time or part-time student, the number of credit hours that
27 are determined to be the semester equivalent by the college
28 student aid commission.

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EXPLANATION

30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

32 This bill makes changes to program limitations within the
33 national guard educational assistance program.

34 Under current law, participation in the national guard
35 educational assistance program is limited by semesters of

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1 attendance, or the trimester or quarter equivalent. The bill
2 replaces these limitations by providing that an eligible member
3 of the Iowa national guard may not receive assistance under the
4 program for more than 120 credit hours of undergraduate study.
5 The bill includes transition provisions relating to educational
6 assistance received under the program prior to July 1, 2015.